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1. A nickel smelting plant is under construction at St. Egidien near Freiberg, Saxony. A so-called reverberatory furnace with a charge capacity of 150 metric tons is currently under construction at the plant. The furnace is to operate on oil heat, as opposed to gas heat, which is usually used in Siemens-Martin furnaces. The furnace is to be a pilot plant. Target date for completion of the furnace is 1 October 1953.
2. Construction work at Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost, Fuerstenberg/Oder, is not progressing because of shortages of materials. The oscillating equipment (Schwankeinrichtung) for the converter cannot be completed; the equipment was to use water power as a motive force. No firm in East Germany has been found which is prepared to deliver the converter itself.
3. The Zentralkonstruktionsbuero (ZKB) of the Ministry of Mining and Smelting is currently working on a project designated as Project "X", Project "X" actually concerns the construction of an iron alloying plant for Poland. The installation is to be exactly like the plant in Hueckenberg, Niederlausitz, from which plans for the project were obtained.

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